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LETTER DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF BULGARIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit the enclosed text of a letter dated 15 September 1993 from His Excellency Mr. Stanislav Daskalov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, addressed to you.

I would appreciate it if this letter and its attachment could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Slavi PASHOVSKI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 15 September 1993 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Bulgaria addressed to the Secretary-General

On the eve of the convening of the forty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, it is a great pleasure and honour for me to inform you that Bulgaria envisages active participation in its work, focusing its efforts on the strengthening and maintenance of international peace and security with special regard to the situation in the Balkans.

It is my firm belief that the imposition of economic sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) is of vital importance for the endeavours of the international community to work out a just and lasting peaceful solution to the Yugoslav crisis.

Notwithstanding the extremely heavy commercial and financial losses incurred by Bulgaria, our unwavering and effective compliance with the sanctions has been widely recognized by international institutions, leading world politicians and the international mass media. At the same time Bulgaria's economic situation has often been described as the "gravest" of all the Eastern European countries.

In the aftermath of tightened United Nations sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) which have aggravated the critical economic situation of my country even more, the recommendation by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia with regard to Bulgaria of 2 July 1993 is highly appreciated. The Security Council Committee recognizes the urgent need to assist Bulgaria in coping with its special economic problems and appeals to all States, on an urgent basis, to provide immediate technical, financial and material assistance to Bulgaria to mitigate the adverse impact on its economy. However, there is little indication that this urgent appeal for assistance is being translated into practical help for Bulgaria's beleaguered economy.

In this regard I should be very grateful if you could request from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development any relevant information concerning their assessments of the impact of the carrying out of the Security Council resolutions on the economy of Bulgaria, as well as suggestions regarding ways and means of addressing its special economic problems.

I share the view that all of the provisions of Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations are of equal value and importance for the effective carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures envisaged therein. These provisions should be interpreted and implemented in their integrity. Article 50 of the Charter could be supplemented by appropriate arrangements creating obligations for concrete assistance to third States affected by mandatory sanctions of the Security Council.

I expect these vital issues to be the subject of further productive discussions and considerations during the forthcoming session. In the meantime I shall be most grateful for your support of our requests for substantial improvement of the work of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia with regard to requests for authorizations placed by Bulgarian companies, which should be treated with the necessary expediency and efficiency.

I also hope that the measures and procedures proposed by the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for effective implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions in the case of transshipments through the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall be approved, providing thereby some indirect support for the shattered national economy and the emerging Bulgarian private sector, most acutely suffering under the sanctions.

I should like to avail myself of this opportunity to express my highest esteem for your dedicated efforts for the revitalization of the work of the United Nations and to assure you that Bulgaria shall continue to pursue its constructive and positive activities aimed at strengthening the role and enhancing the credibility of the Organization during the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Stanislav DASKALOV
